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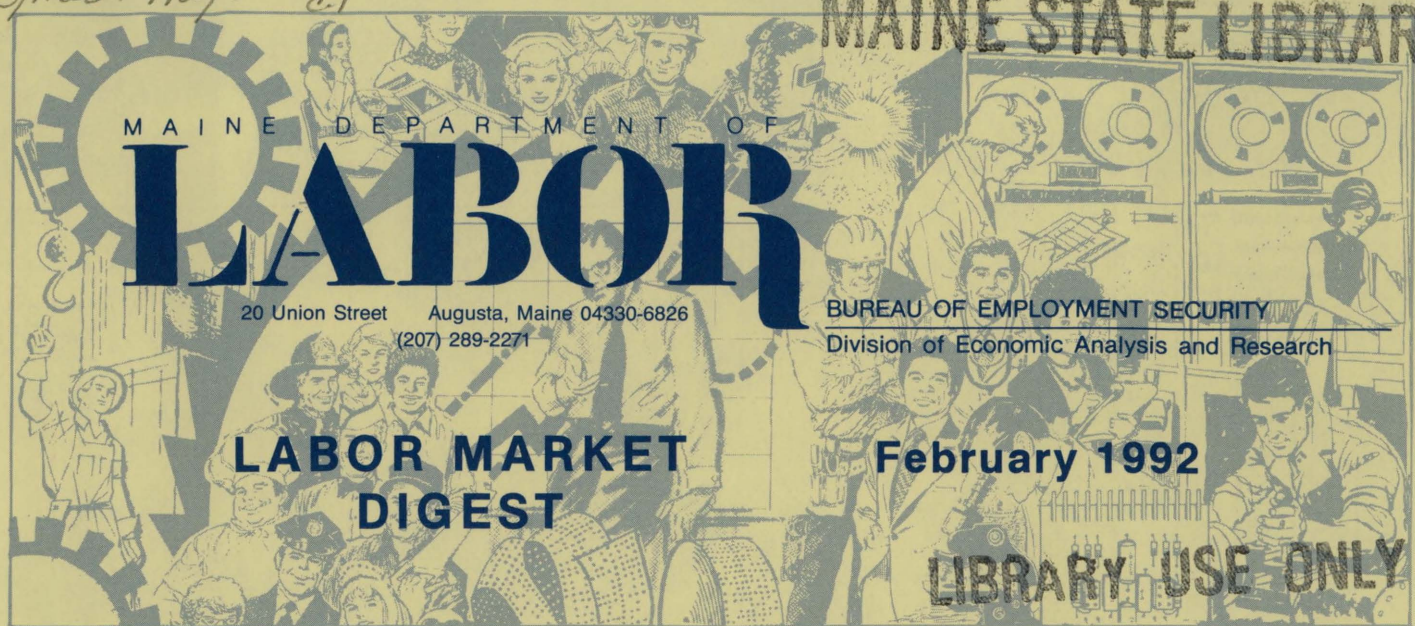
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MOVING IN...

During the 1980s, Maine's economy boomed and there was a strong net movement of people into the state. Maine's population increased by 9.1 percent between 1980 and 1990. Population growth rates ranged from 1.0 percent in Washington County to 18.2 percent in Lincoln County. A population decline was recorded by Aroostook County.

Net in-migration—more people moving in than moving out—provided 43.2 percent of statewide population growth between 1980 and 1990, or 44,431 out of a total population gain of 102,885. Of the 16 counties, 14 recorded net in-migration ranging from 602 in Androscoggin County to 15,652 in York County. Net in-migration accounted for 50 percent or more of the population growth during the past decade in nine counties, ranging from 54.5 percent in Cumberland County to 82.4 percent in Lincoln County. *See related table on page two.*

MOVING OUT...

Thus far in the 1990s, Maine's economy is in a slump and it appears that there is a net movement of people out of state. Between April 1, 1990 and July 1, 1991 the U.S. Bureau of the Census estimated that Maine's population increased by 7,000. All of this gain was due to natural increase; i.e., more births than deaths. Maine recorded net out-migration during this time period.

All of the New England states registered net out-migration between April 1990 and July 1991, with the largest rates of net out-migration recorded by New Hampshire and Massachusetts. The smallest rate of net out-migration was registered by Maine.

Net out-migration is due to one or both of two factors: more people moving out and fewer people moving in. The net result is that more people are moving out than moving in. Given the relatively severe effects of the national recession on New England, it is possible that both factors occurred. Fewer people migrated to the New England area because of poor employment prospects. For the same reason, more people left New England seeking employment opportunities elsewhere.

*by Dana A. Evans
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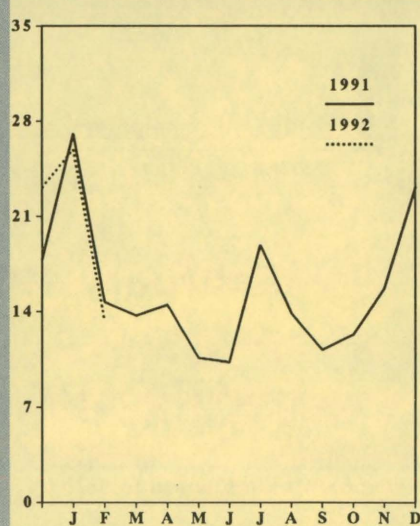
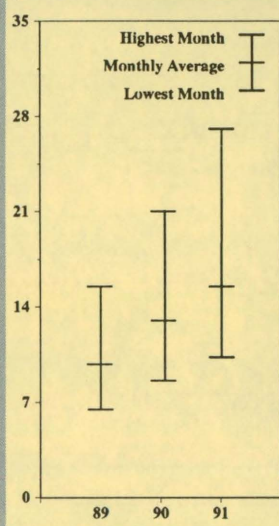
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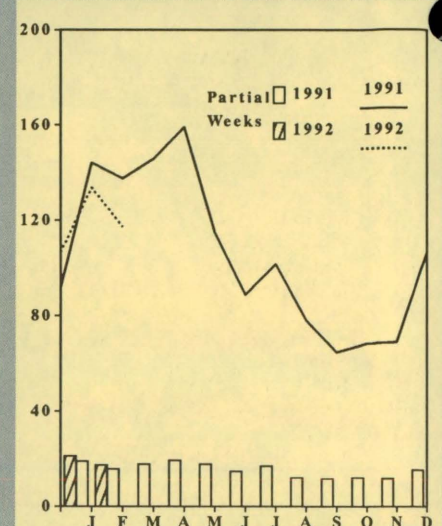
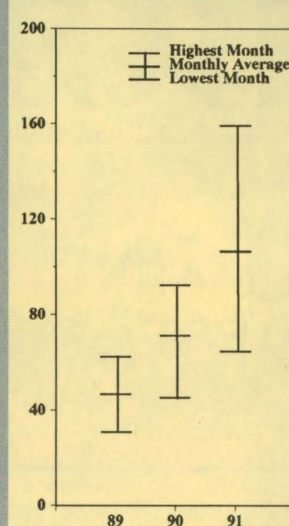
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UI Initial Claims in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed in Thousands



Population Counts and Components of Change Maine and Maine Counties, 1980 - 1990

Area	April 1, 1980 Census Population	April 1, 1990 Census Population	Change 1980 to 1990		Components of Change		
			Number	Percent	Births	Deaths	Net Migration
Maine	1,125,043	1,227,928	102,885	9.1	168,145	109,691	44,431
Androscoggin	99,509	105,259	5,750	5.8	15,094	9,946	602
Aroostook	91,344	86,936	-4,408	-4.8	13,173	7,688	-9,893
Cumberland	215,789	243,135	27,346	12.7	33,290	20,840	14,896
Franklin	27,447	29,008	1,561	5.7	3,931	2,343	-27
Hancock	41,781	46,948	5,167	12.4	6,259	4,808	3,716
Kennebec	109,889	115,904	6,015	5.5	15,461	10,590	1,144
Knox	32,941	36,310	3,369	10.2	4,783	3,902	2,488
Lincoln	25,691	30,357	4,666	18.2	3,905	3,083	3,844
Oxford	49,043	52,602	3,559	7.3	6,959	5,497	2,097
Penobscot	137,015	146,601	9,586	7.0	19,104	11,664	2,146
Piscataquis	17,634	18,653	1,019	5.8	2,431	2,018	606
Sagadahoc	28,795	33,535	4,740	16.5	5,309	2,583	2,014
Somerset	45,049	49,767	4,718	10.5	6,635	4,593	2,676
Waldo	28,414	33,018	4,604	16.2	4,529	2,835	2,910
Washington	34,963	35,308	345	1.0	4,760	3,975	-440
York	139,739	164,587	24,848	17.8	22,522	13,326	15,652

Source: Population data from U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Birth and death data from Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data, Research, and Vital Statistics.



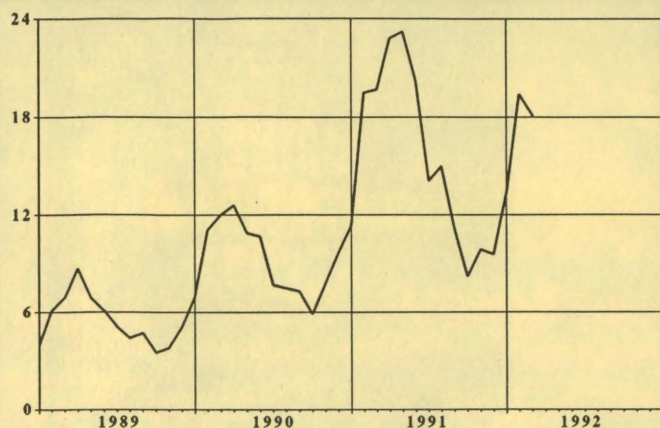
Selected Employment Security Activities



Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

in Millions

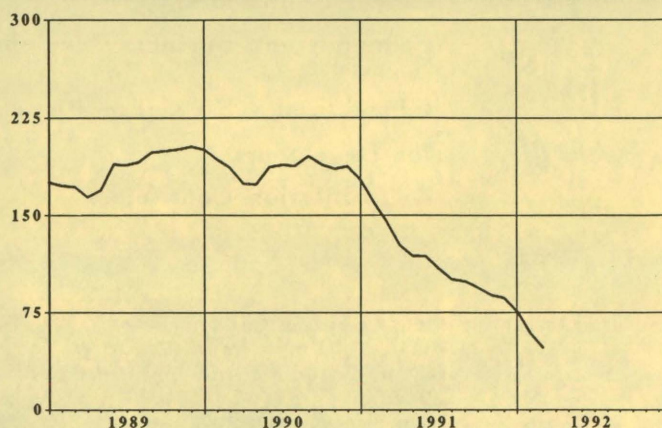
(Total includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

in Millions

(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1989	1990	1991
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing-----	\$443.59	\$450.07	\$434.32	39.5	39.9	39.7	\$11.23	\$11.28	\$10.94	\$9.89	\$10.58	\$11.08
Durable Goods-----	434.22	445.42	424.27	39.8	40.2	40.6	10.91	11.08	10.45	9.59	10.20	10.61
Lumber and Wood Products-----	378.02	378.84	371.84	41.0	41.0	41.5	9.22	9.24	8.96	8.85	9.10	8.97
Primary and Fabricated Metals-----	443.47	457.44	411.93	42.6	43.9	41.4	10.41	10.42	9.95	9.31	9.98	10.18
Industrial Machinery and Equipment-----	523.68	511.68	535.14	41.3	41.0	44.3	12.68	12.48	12.08	11.03	11.63	12.43
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment--	390.22	402.97	372.38	39.9	40.5	37.5	9.78	9.95	9.93	9.02	9.69	9.91
Transportation Equipment-----	513.62	545.59	488.03	37.3	38.1	40.3	13.77	14.32	12.11	10.80	11.68	12.55
Other Durable Goods-----	336.44	329.91	343.80	40.1	39.7	40.4	8.39	8.31	8.51	7.80	8.11	8.57
Nondurable Goods-----	451.56	452.63	443.07	39.3	39.6	38.9	11.49	11.43	11.39	10.16	10.93	11.48
Food and Kindred Products-----	286.12	323.41	308.24	31.1	35.5	35.8	9.20	9.11	8.61	8.01	8.56	8.76
Textile Mill Products-----	367.21	387.18	358.85	42.6	44.3	41.2	8.62	8.74	8.71	8.22	8.82	8.82
Apparel and Other Textile Products-----	298.66	237.61	246.06	40.8	33.8	33.8	7.32	7.03	7.28	7.04	7.38	7.28
Paper and Allied Products-----	684.48	674.68	670.96	42.7	42.3	42.9	16.03	15.95	15.64	14.51	15.16	16.06
Leather and Leather Products-----	295.69	296.80	282.49	37.1	37.1	35.4	7.97	8.00	7.98	6.92	7.44	7.82
Other Nondurable Goods-----	323.53	320.66	356.36	38.7	39.2	36.7	8.36	8.18	9.71	9.10	9.62	9.85
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing-----	395.96	410.94	381.98	38.0	39.1	36.8	10.42	10.51	10.38	10.53	10.63	10.45
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing-----	384.46	407.98	350.06	40.3	42.9	37.6	9.54	9.51	9.31	8.50	9.26	9.33

Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

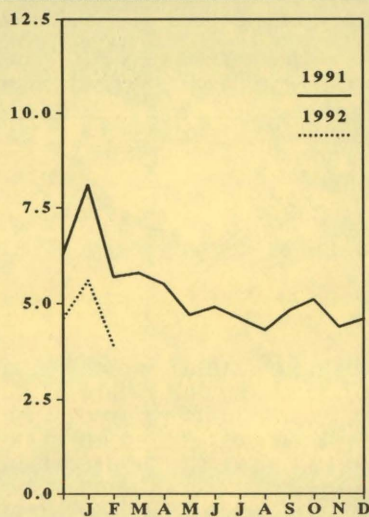
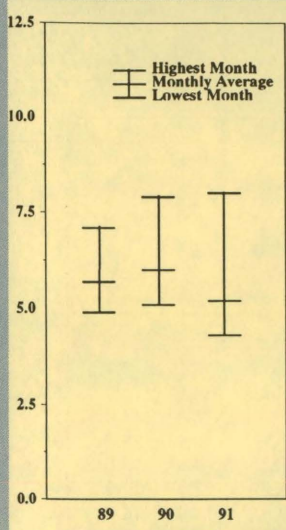
ITEM ^{1/}	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	290.1	289.5	302.4
Unemployment (Percent)	26.5	22.2	18.5
Resident Employed	9.1%	7.7%	6.1%
	263.5	267.3	283.9

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	138.6	138.1	134.8	137.9
Percent Change for Past Month			+0.4%	
Percent Change from Last December			+0.5%	
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago			+2.8%	

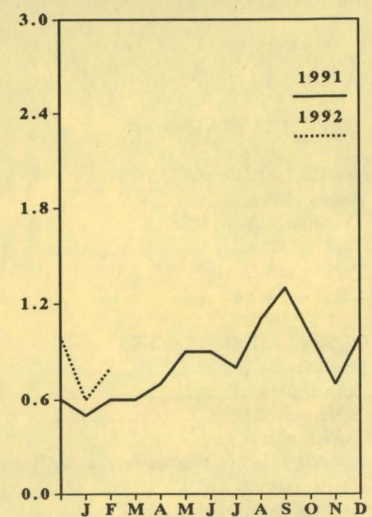
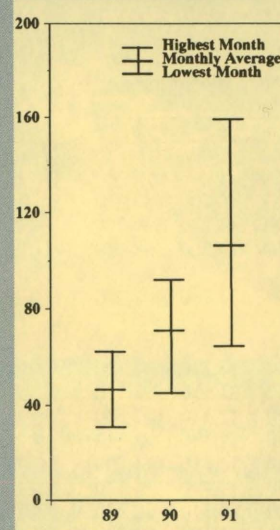
^{1/} Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

New Applications For Work in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/-----	500.3	501.9	500.4	120.4	120.8	121.7	37.0	37.0	37.7
Goods Producing-----	111.5	113.6	114.8	18.9	18.8	20.2	9.4	9.5	9.5
Construction and Mining-----	17.3	18.5	18.8	4.1	4.2	4.9	1.3	1.5	1.4
Building Construction-----	4.9	5.1	5.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors-----	9.6	10.6	10.3	2.8	2.9	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing-----	94.2	95.1	96.0	14.8	14.6	15.3	8.1	8.0	8.1
Durable Goods-----	41.7	42.6	44.5	7.1	7.0	7.6	2.2	2.2	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products-----	10.1	10.4	10.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals-----	3.1	3.1	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment-----	4.2	4.2	4.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment-----	7.2	7.3	7.5	2.4	2.4	2.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment-----	12.9	13.3	14.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/-----	4.2	4.3	4.0	3.2	3.1	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods-----	52.5	52.5	51.5	7.7	7.6	7.7	5.9	5.8	5.8
Food and Kindred Products-----	7.3	7.2	6.5	2.3	2.3	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products-----	5.9	5.8	5.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products-----	3.0	2.9	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products-----	17.0	17.1	17.2	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing-----	5.4	5.5	5.5	1.5	1.6	1.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products-----	3.1	3.1	3.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products-----	9.7	9.8	10.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.8	1.7	1.4
Footwear (except Rubber)-----	8.0	8.1	8.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/-----	1.1	1.1	1.1	2.9	2.7	3.1	4.1	4.1	4.4
Service Producing-----	388.8	388.3	385.6	101.5	102.0	101.5	27.6	27.5	28.2
Transportation and Public Utilities-----	21.6	21.6	21.8	5.3	5.3	6.0	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade-----	21.8	21.8	23.5	9.1	9.0	9.4	1.8	1.9	2.1
Retail Trade-----	98.8	101.2	95.0	25.2	26.6	25.4	7.5	7.7	7.4
Food Stores-----	18.0	18.2	17.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places-----	29.2	30.1	27.2	6.9	7.0	6.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate-----	25.0	24.9	25.1	12.5	12.5	12.2	2.0	2.0	2.2
Banking-----	9.8	9.7	9.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents-----	11.0	11.0	10.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services-----	122.4	122.0	121.1	33.0	33.0	32.2	10.6	10.3	10.8
Hotels and Other Lodging Places-----	6.6	6.6	6.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services-----	12.4	12.4	12.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services-----	46.7	46.7	45.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government-----	17.8	17.9	18.2	1.9	1.9	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 4/-----	81.4	78.9	80.9	14.5	13.7	14.2	4.0	3.9	4.0
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes-----	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE(000).....	638.8	637.8	640.9	580.0	581.9	582.5	58.8	55.9	58.4	9.2	8.8	9.1
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA.....	46,500	46,700	47,300	43,100	43,400	43,800	3,400	3,300	3,500	7.4	7.1	7.4
Lewiston-Auburn MSA.....	44,400	44,200	44,700	39,100	39,400	39,400	5,300	4,900	5,300	12.0	11.0	11.8
Portland MSA.....	133,800	134,200	133,900	125,200	126,300	125,300	8,600	7,900	8,600	6.5	5.9	6.4
Portsmouth-Dover Rochester MSA.....	134,600	133,900	142,100	126,300	125,100	133,800	8,200	8,800	8,200	6.1	6.6	5.8
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta.....	37,230	37,170	36,120	34,260	34,300	33,320	2,970	2,870	2,800	8.0	7.7	7.7
Bath-Brunswick.....	31,860	31,650	32,310	29,690	29,770	30,250	2,180	1,870	2,060	6.8	5.9	6.4
Belfast.....	12,570	12,340	12,500	10,630	10,510	10,570	1,940	1,830	1,930	15.4	14.8	15.5
Biddeford.....	27,500	27,130	28,140	24,650	24,440	25,190	2,850	2,690	2,950	10.4	9.9	10.5
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset.....	14,910	14,630	14,790	13,720	13,470	13,790	1,180	1,160	1,000	7.9	8.0	6.8
Calais-Eastport.....	15,750	15,990	15,720	13,740	13,910	13,490	2,010	2,080	2,230	12.7	13.0	14.2
Caribou-Presque Isle.....	22,500	22,140	22,310	19,710	19,670	19,800	2,790	2,480	2,510	12.4	11.2	11.3
Central Penobscot.....	3,150	3,120	3,280	2,740	2,730	2,890	410	390	390	13.1	12.6	12.0
Dover-Foxcroft.....	7,150	7,350	7,410	6,500	6,690	6,570	650	660	840	9.1	8.9	11.3
Ellsworth.....	25,560	25,790	24,930	22,570	22,930	22,100	2,990	2,850	2,830	11.7	11.1	11.3
Farmington.....	14,290	13,980	14,580	13,080	12,730	13,320	1,200	1,250	1,260	8.4	9.0	8.6
Fort Kent-Allagash.....	6,150	6,140	6,080	5,520	5,510	5,550	630	630	530	10.2	10.2	8.7
Greenville.....	1,390	1,410	1,430	1,250	1,260	1,300	140	150	130	10.3	10.9	8.8
Houlton.....	6,990	6,950	6,910	6,460	6,430	6,390	530	510	510	7.6	7.4	7.4
Kittery-York 3/.....	28,860	29,140	30,630	27,130	27,380	28,990	1,730	1,770	1,650	6.0	6.1	5.4
Lincoln-Howland.....	5,790	5,870	5,820	5,130	5,220	5,140	660	650	680	11.4	11.0	11.7
Livemore Falls.....	6,210	6,140	5,240	5,560	5,540	4,610	650	600	630	10.4	9.8	12.1
Madawaska-Van Buren.....	4,190	4,280	4,210	3,710	3,790	3,710	480	490	500	11.5	11.5	11.9
Millinocket-East Millinocket.....	4,110	4,150	4,230	3,630	3,630	3,770	480	520	460	11.6	12.4	10.8
Norway-Paris.....	12,080	11,980	11,940	10,540	10,600	10,250	1,540	1,380	1,690	12.7	11.5	14.1
Patten-Island Falls.....	2,690	2,720	2,620	2,390	2,390	2,300	300	330	320	11.2	12.2	12.2
Rockland.....	20,060	20,350	19,490	18,250	18,510	17,580	1,810	1,840	1,910	9.0	9.0	9.8
Rumford.....	9,480	9,410	9,840	8,540	8,510	8,740	950	900	1,110	10.0	9.6	11.2
Sanford.....	16,950	16,880	17,570	14,930	14,970	15,560	2,010	1,900	2,020	11.9	11.3	11.5
Sebago Lakes Region.....	13,070	12,930	12,930	11,870	11,840	11,760	1,200	1,090	1,170	9.2	8.4	9.1
Skowhegan.....	24,550	24,330	24,510	21,460	21,300	21,600	3,090	3,020	2,910	12.6	12.4	11.9
Southwest Penobscot.....	11,400	11,200	11,640	9,740	9,620	9,890	1,650	1,580	1,750	14.5	14.1	15.0
Waterville.....	27,620	27,570	27,740	25,190	25,180	25,450	2,430	2,390	2,290	8.8	8.7	8.3
OTHER												
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut-----	n/a	1,796.9	1,776.6	n/a	1,653.7	1,657.6	n/a	143.2	118.9	n/a	8.0	6.7
Massachusetts-----	3,116.0	3,087.0	3,102.7	2,851.0	2,826.0	2,795.9	264.0	261.0	306.8	8.5	8.4	9.9
New Hampshire-----	630.8	624.8	632.1	584.0	575.8	586.8	46.8	49.0	45.4	7.4	7.8	7.2
Rhode Island-----	511.5	507.5	507.6	469.2	465.9	464.0	42.3	41.6	43.6	8.3	8.2	8.6
Vermont-----	306.1	308.7	308.1	284.7	286.8	285.0	21.4	22.0	23.2	7.0	7.1	7.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)----	n/a	6,962.7	6,968.0	n/a	6,390.1	6,371.8	n/a	572.7	596.3	n/a	8.2	8.6
UNITED STATES (000)-----	125,386	125,072	124,070	115,224	115,122	115,151	10,161	9,949	8,919	8.1	8.0	7.2

Footnotes

- 1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
- 2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
- 3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.
- Source: These data are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	26,033	25,948	31,171	3,878	3,747	4,632	2,416	2,286	2,843

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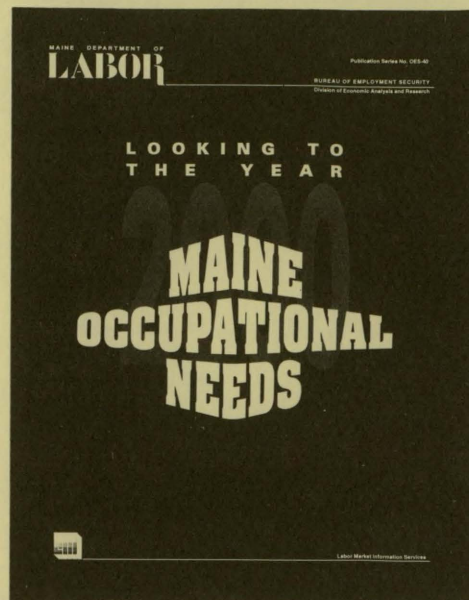
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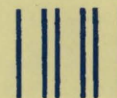
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